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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of August 7, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 7, 2006, with the present response being filed by the two-month due date of October 10, 2006 (October 7, 2006 being a Saturday and October 9, 2006 being a Federal holiday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.